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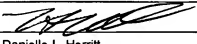
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For: USE OF INERT, POROUS MATERIALS IN  
ORDER TO REDUCE THE SALT CONTENT  
IN AQUEOUS SOLUTIONS, AND METHOD  
AND DEVICE THEREFOR

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the following additional documents. A PTO Form SB/08 and a full copy of each of the documents required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) accompany this statement.

Applicant has become aware of the following documents, cited in an Examination Report issued February 11, 2004, during the prosecution of European application no. 103 34 514.0, which corresponds to the above referenced application, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)(1) or (b)(3), hereby submits these documents for the Examiner's consideration. These documents are cited on the enclosed PTO Form SB/08, and a copy of the Examination Report and of each document required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) cited thereon are enclosed as well.

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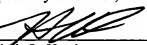
such document is prior art. Moreover, Applicant understands the Examiner will make an independent evaluation of the cited documents.

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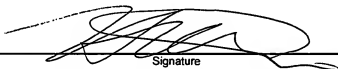
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